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MEMORANDUM #242 25X1A9a

31 October 1958

TO : [redacted] Chief, Geographic Research Area

INFO :

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: Itinerary [redacted] for [redacted] 25X1A9a

25X1A6a

The information provided below is presented in response to your request for details on certain parts of your itinerary.

1. Monday 20 October 1958: 25X1A9a

a. 0830-0930: Orientation briefing by [redacted]

b. 0930-1000: Orientation and discussion with [redacted] 25X1A9a
25X1A9 [redacted] suggested that Mr.
25X1A9 [redacted] might be helpful in providing information on the use of Geographic Area studies in planning for unconventional warfare.

c. 1000-1030: Discussed UA with [redacted] 25X1A9a The latter suggested that a visit to 10th Special Forces in Bad Toelz might behelpful. This unit is one of the end users of the products from the Geographic Area.

d. 1100-1200: Briefing [redacted] 25X1A6a 25X1A9a Subjects covered included: origin of sources, phases of processing and organization of [redacted] (including 25X1A6a participation by all interested agencies and services).

The need for a priority listing of towns in the USSR and Satellites was discussed as was a need for a priority listing of requirements for information desired on urban areas. Chief, GA suggested that Mr. 25X1A9 [redacted] be contacted for such lists. Such lists are to be based on the work being done by GA for EE and SR as well as on the requirements of the Geographic Area.

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It would also be desirable to have a list of the criteria used in establishing priority areas of (i.e. areas other than urban). [redacted] expressed 25X1A9a an interest in having the above mentioned lists available for the reports officer and case officers [redacted] 25X1A6a

e. 1200-1300: Lunch

f. 1300-1730: Area familiarization and orientation.

2. Tuesday 21 October 1958:

a. 0830-1015: Travel to Wiesbaden

b. 1015-1045: 25X1B4d Lt. Col. Wilson - A-2, Air Tech. Intelligence [redacted]

c. 1045-1100: Lt. Col. Simmons, A-2, General discussion. Lt. Col. Simmons suggested that we visit the 497th Recon Tech Squadron to discuss A-2 activities in the geographic field.

d. 1100-1115: Met Lt. Col. Gould, A-2, a courtesy call; there was no substantive discussion.

e. 1115-1630: Discussion with Mr. Krause of the 497th Recon. Tech Squadron. Discussed in detail the mapping program being carried out by the squadron which is responsible for A-2 mapping activities in Wiesbaden. Much of the time was spent in a discussion of the change from maps with a scale of 1:25,000 to those with a scale of 1:50,000. The change was based largely on the need for maps covering a larger area - a need brought about by the speed of modern aircraft.

The problem of guide lines for air crews was discussed as was the proposed solution of portraying a view of key orientation points. Speed of modern aircraft limits the time that such a view would be visable to the crew. New methods are being tested such as radar return.

Also discussed the substitution of a new series of maps for the WAC charts.

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f. 1630-1745: Return trip [redacted]

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3. Wednesday 22 October 1958:

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a. 0730-0900: Travel [redacted]

b. 0900-0910: Introduction to Mr. Gus Schirmerhorn and a brief orientation on the itinerary for the day.

c. 0910-0925: Muling with Lt. Col. Keen, Chief, Strategic Section, G-2. A courtesy call - no substantive discussion.

d. 0925-0945: Met Major Binder, Army Engineers who took us to the Army Map Center at Schwuetzingen.

e. 0945-1200: Introduced to Lt. Col. Pearson, the Commanding Officer of the Army Map Center. Lt. Col. Pearson gave a briefing in which he outlined the organization and activities of his unit. He then asked his subordinates to give us a more detailed orientation of their activities.

The first part of the tour consisted of a visit to the classified map storage center in the basement of the building and to the unclassified map library (includes general reference works) on the fourth floor of the Headquarters building. Much of the time was spent on an orientation which included physical plant, filing systems, and a discussion of personnel problems.

The next phase of the tour was spent with Mr. Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins (in the absence of Mr. Betts) explained the current mapping program. At the present time the major project consists of the Cross Country Movement (CCM) studies. These are of primary value for planning tank maneuvers. They indicate soil conditions, slope, and forest conditions which willinfluence tank movement. At the present time a series of maps including a ground survey of geodetic check points in West Germany is being completed.

We next visited Major Stevenson. He is responsible for the mapping of transportation studies for G-2 USARSUR. These include water, highway, and rail transport studies.

f. 1200-1230: Lunch

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g. 1230-1430: Capt. Rutherford, Commanding Officer of the 501st Engineer Group. Orientation on the functioning of the group. This covered organization, type of work, and personnel problems. To a large extent the work of this organization consists of a study of Soviet-Bloc Tables of Organization (TO) and Tables of Equipment (TE), estimates of Bloc capabilities in engineering and the preparation of articles on Bloc engineering for G-2 publications. A start is being made on a study of Soviet Bloc mapping agencies. The 501st is responsible for briefing the commanding general and his staff on this subject. Information in this field (at the 501st is very limited). It was suggested that Geographic Area studies in this field be made available to the 501st. This would prevent duplication of work already done by GA.

h. 1430-1500: Travel from Schwetzingen to Heidelberg.

i. 1500-1530: Discussion with Major Moon, G-2, USAREUR on the possible use of Geographic Area studies in planning long range patrols i.e. dropping of personnel far behind enemy lines for targeting work. In this connection Major Moon recommended that it might be advisable to contact Lt. Col. Gribbons in the office of the ACSI (G-2) in Washington, D.C.

j. 1530-1600: Conference with Lt. Col. Knapp, USMC, G-3, USAREUR. Discussed UW and the use of geographic area studies in planning for UW. Lt. Col. Knapp recommended that the persons listed below be contacted for further information in this field.

(1) Mr. Bill Rydell, Marine Reserve, I Bldg. for information on activities of the 10th Special Forces.

(2) Colonel Slavko N. Bjelajac, Office of Special Warfare under D.C. Ops. - Army.

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Lt. Col. Knapp agreed to make arrangements for a visit to Bad Toelz, 10th Special Forces on Monday, 27 October 1958. Meeting at the latter unit will be with Captain Nollenberger. 25X1A6a

k. 1600-1745: Heidelberg [redacted]

4. A copy of your complete itinerary is attached.

Distribution:

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Attachment: Copy of itinerary of 25X1A9a [redacted] 25X1A6a [redacted]

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